

*Grace Lutheran  
Worship Folder*

*July 2 & 3, 2022*



***Pentecost***

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# *Grace Lutheran's Purpose Statement*

*"We share God's love by welcoming all and making a Christ-like difference in our community and world."*

## **GATHERING**

*The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.*

### **WELCOME**

### **PRELUDE**

*(the assembly stands as they are able)*

*(All may make the sign of the cross, the sign marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.)*

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, whose steadfast love endures forever.

**C: Amen.**

P: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

*Silence for reflection and self-examination.*

P: Merciful God,

**C: we confess that we have not followed your path but have chosen our own way.**

**Instead of putting others before ourselves, we long to take the best seats at the table. When met by those in need, we have too often passed by on the other side. Set us again on the path of life. Save us from ourselves and free us to love our neighbors. Amen.**

P: Hear the good news! God does not deal with us according to our sins but delights in granting pardon and mercy. In the name of † Jesus Christ, our sins are forgiven.

We are free to love as God loves.

**C: Amen.**

GATHERING HYMN "We All Are One in Mission"

R576



1 We all are one in mis - sion; we all are one in call,  
2 We all are called for ser - vice, to wit - ness in God's name.  
3 Now let us be u - nit - ed, and let our song be heard.



our var - ied gifts u - nit - ed by Christ, the Lord of all.  
Our min - is - tries are dif - f'rent; our pur - pose is the same:  
Now let us be a ves - sel for God's re - deem - ing Word.



A sin - gle great com - mis - sion com - pels us from a - bove  
to touch the lives of oth - ers with God's sur - pris - ing grace,  
We all are one in mis - sion; we all are one in call,



to plan and work to - geth - er that all may know Christ's love.  
so ev - 'ry folk and na - tion may feel God's warm em - brace.  
our var - ied gifts u - nit - ed by Christ, the Lord of all.

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**GREETING**

**P:** The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**C: And also with you.**

## KYRIE

*Refrain*

Ky-ri - e e - lei - son, on our world and on our way.

Ky-ri - e e - lei - son, ev-'ry day.

1 For peace in the world, for the health of the church, for the  
4 For your Spir - it to guide; that you cen - ter our lives in the

u - ni - ty of all; for  
wa - ter and the word; that you

this ho - ly house, for all who wor-ship and praise,  
nour-ish our souls . . . with your bod - y and blood,

*Refrain*

let us pray to the Lord, let us pray to the Lord.

## HYMN OF PRAISE

*Refrain*



Glo - ry to God in the high - est, the high - est, and



peace to God's peo - ple on earth.



1 Lord God, heav - en - ly King, al - might - y God and Fa - ther,



we wor - ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you

*Refrain*



for your glo - ry. Glo - ry to God in the high -



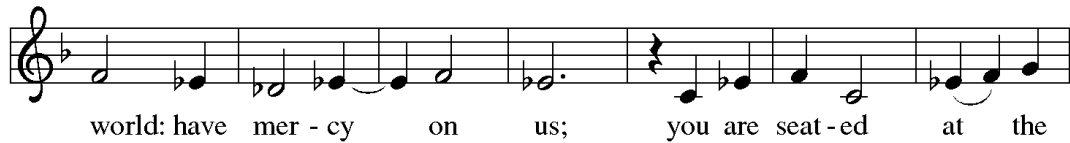
est, the high - est, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.



2 Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God,



Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the

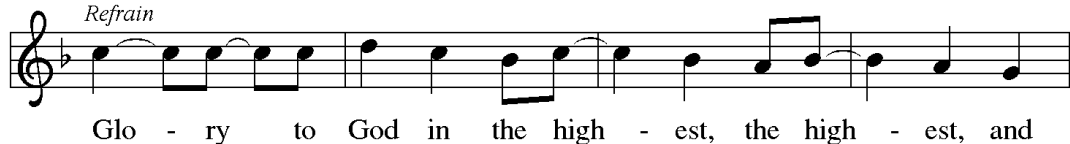


world: have mer - cy on us; you are seat - ed at the



right hand of the Fa - ther: re - ceive our prayer.

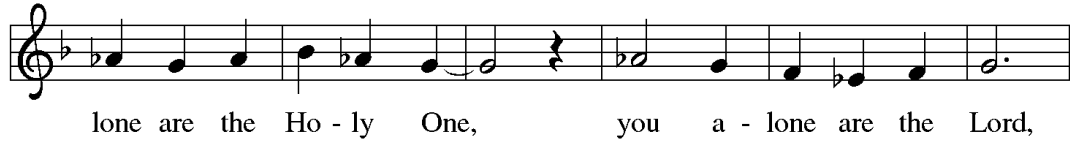
*Refrain*



Glo - ry to God in the high - est, the high - est, and



peace to God's peo - ple on earth. 3 For you a -



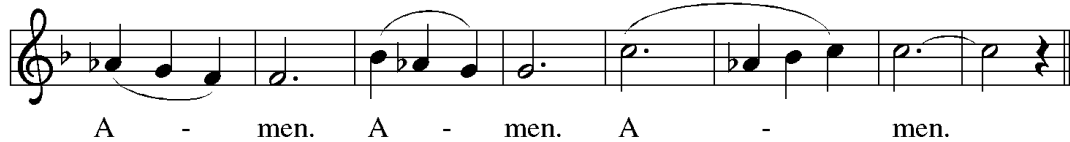
lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord,



you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the



Ho - ly Spir - it, in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther.



A - men. A - men. A - men.

*Final refrain*



Glo - ry to God in the high - est, the high - est, and peace to God's

peo - ple on earth. Glo - ry to God in the high -  
est, the high - est, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.

P: The Lord be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

**PRAYER OF THE DAY**

**O God, the Father of our Lord Jesus, you are the city that shelters us, the mother who comforts us. With your Spirit accompany us on our life's journey, that we may spread your peace in all the world, through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

**WORD**

*God speaks to us in scripture, preaching and song.*

**SCRIPTURE READINGS**

**Isaiah 66:10-14**

*Those who returned from the exile found that the hopes for the glorious restoration of Judah were not completely fulfilled. For these disappointed people, the prophet envisions salvation in the image of a nursing woman. Mother Jerusalem and a mothering God remind the community how they are sustained and supported.*

<sup>10</sup>Rejoice with Jerusalem, and be glad for her, all you who love her; rejoice with her in joy, all you who mourn over her—<sup>11</sup>that you may nurse and be satisfied from her consoling breast; that you may drink deeply with delight from her glorious bosom.

<sup>12</sup>For thus says the LORD: I will extend prosperity to her like a river, and the wealth of the nations like an overflowing stream; and you shall nurse and be carried on her arm, and dandled on her knees. <sup>13</sup>As a mother comforts her child, so I will comfort you; you shall be comforted in Jerusalem. <sup>14</sup>You shall see, and your heart shall rejoice; your bodies shall flourish like the grass; and it shall be known that the hand of the LORD is with his servants, and his indignation is against his enemies.

L: The word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

### **Psalm 66:1-9**

*All the earth bows down before you and sings out your name. (Ps. 66:4)*

<sup>1</sup>Be joyful in God, all you lands;  
be joyful, all the earth.

<sup>2</sup>**Sing the glory of God's name;  
sing the glory of God's praise.**

<sup>3</sup>Say to God, "How awesome are your deeds!  
Because of your great strength your enemies cringe before you.

<sup>4</sup>**All the earth bows down before you,  
sings to you, sings out your name."**

<sup>5</sup>Come now and see the works of God,  
how awesome are God's deeds toward all people.

<sup>6</sup>**God turned the sea into dry land, so that they went through the water on  
foot,  
and there we rejoiced in God.**

<sup>7</sup>Ruling forever in might, God keeps watch over the nations;  
let no rebels exalt themselves.

<sup>8</sup>**Bless our God, you peoples;  
let the sound of praise be heard.**

<sup>9</sup>Our God has kept us among the living  
and has not allowed our feet to slip.

### **Galatians 6:[1-6] 7-16**

*In the close of his letter to the Galatians, Paul encourages them to live as people made right with God through faith in Jesus Christ. Here Paul offers practical advice about how believers exercise common concern for one other in "the family of faith."*

[<sup>1</sup>My friends, if anyone is detected in a transgression, you who have received the Spirit should restore such a one in a spirit of gentleness. Take care that you yourselves are not tempted. <sup>2</sup>Bear one another's burdens, and in this way you will fulfill the law of Christ. <sup>3</sup>For if those who are nothing think they are something, they deceive themselves. <sup>4</sup>All must test their own work; then that work, rather than their neighbor's work, will become a cause for pride. <sup>5</sup>For all must carry their own loads. <sup>6</sup>Those who are taught the word must share in all good things with their teacher.]

<sup>7</sup>Do not be deceived; God is not mocked, for you reap whatever you sow. <sup>8</sup>If you sow to your own flesh, you will reap corruption from the flesh; but if you sow to the Spirit, you will reap eternal life from the Spirit. <sup>9</sup>So let us not grow weary in doing what is right, for we will reap at harvest time, if we do not give up. <sup>10</sup>So then, whenever we have an opportunity, let us work for the good of all, and especially for those of the family of faith. <sup>11</sup>See what large letters I make when I am writing in my own hand! <sup>12</sup>It is those who want to make a good showing in the flesh that try to



compel you to be circumcised—only that they may not be persecuted for the cross of Christ. <sup>13</sup>Even the circumcised do not themselves obey the law, but they want you to be circumcised so that they may boast about your flesh. <sup>14</sup>May I never boast of anything except the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by which the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world. <sup>15</sup>For neither circumcision nor uncircumcision is anything; but a new creation is everything! <sup>16</sup>As for those who will follow this rule—peace be upon them, and mercy, and upon the Israel of God.

L: The word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

*(The assembly stands as they are able for the Gospel)*

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the  
 words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.  
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.  
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke.

C: **Glory to You, O Lord.**

**Luke 10:1-11, 16-20**

*Jesus commissions harvesters and laborers to go where he would go and do what he would do. Risking hardship and danger in exchange for the experience of great joy, they offer peace and healing as signs that the reign of God is near.*

<sup>1</sup>After this the Lord appointed seventy others and sent them on ahead of him in pairs to every town and place where he himself intended to go. <sup>2</sup>He said to them, “The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; therefore ask the Lord of the harvest to

send out laborers into his harvest. <sup>3</sup>Go on your way. See, I am sending you out like lambs into the midst of wolves. <sup>4</sup>Carry no purse, no bag, no sandals; and greet no one on the road. <sup>5</sup>Whatever house you enter, first say, 'Peace to this house!' <sup>6</sup>And if anyone is there who shares in peace, your peace will rest on that person; but if not, it will return to you. <sup>7</sup>Remain in the same house, eating and drinking whatever they provide, for the laborer deserves to be paid. Do not move about from house to house. <sup>8</sup>Whenever you enter a town and its people welcome you, eat what is set before you; <sup>9</sup>cure the sick who are there, and say to them, 'The kingdom of God has come near to you.' <sup>10</sup>But whenever you enter a town and they do not welcome you, go out into its streets and say, <sup>11</sup>'Even the dust of your town that clings to our feet, we wipe off in protest against you. Yet know this: the kingdom of God has come near.'"  
<sup>16</sup>"Whoever listens to you listens to me, and whoever rejects you rejects me, and whoever rejects me rejects the one who sent me." <sup>17</sup>The seventy returned with joy, saying, "Lord, in your name even the demons submit to us!" <sup>18</sup>He said to them, "I watched Satan fall from heaven like a flash of lightning. <sup>19</sup>See, I have given you authority to tread on snakes and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy; and nothing will hurt you. <sup>20</sup>Nevertheless, do not rejoice at this, that the spirits submit to you, but rejoice that your names are written in heaven."

**P:** The Gospel of Our Lord.  
**C:** Praise to You, O Christ.

**HOMILY**

*(The assembly stands as they are able)*


**HYMN OF THE DAY**      "Lord, You Give the Great Commission"      **R579**




1 Lord, you give the great com - mis-sion: "Heal the sick and  
 2 Lord, you call us to your ser - vice: "In my name bap -  
 3 Lord, you make the com - mon ho - ly: "This my bod - y,  
 4 Lord, you show us love's true mea-sure: "Fa - ther, what they



preach the word." Lest the church ne - glect its mis - sion,  
 tize and teach." That the world may trust your prom - ise,  
 this my blood." Let us all, for earth's true glo - ry,  
 do, for - give." Yet we hoard as pri - vate trea - sure



and the gos - pel go un - heard, help us wit - ness  
 life a - bun - dant meant for each, give us all new  
 dai - ly lift life heav - en - ward, ask - ing that the  
 all that you so free - ly give. May your care and



to your pur - pose with re - newed in - teg - ri - ty:  
 fer - vor, draw us clos - er in com - mu - ni - ty:  
 world a - round us share your chil - dren's lib - er - ty:  
 mer - cy lead us to a just so - ci - e - ty:

*Refrain*



With the Spir - it's gifts em - pow'r us for the work of min - is - try.

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## APOSTLES' CREED

**I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**  
**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only son, our Lord,**  
**who was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary,**  
**suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried.**  
**He descended into hell. On the third day he rose again;**  
**He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**  
**He will come again to judge the living and the dead.**  
**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church,**  
**the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,**  
**the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

## INTERCESSORY PRAYERS

*(Response after each petition)*

**P:** God, in your mercy

**C:** hear our prayer.

## MEAL

*God feeds us with the presence of Christ.*

### OFFERING

**OFFERTORY** *(the assembly stands as they are able and sings as the gifts are brought forward)*



We place up - on your ta - ble, Lord, the food of life, the  
Ac - cept them, Lord; they come from you; we take them hum - bly  
bread and wine, as sym - bols of our dai - ly  
from your hand. These gifts of yours for high - er  
work, ac - cord - ing to your grand de - sign.  
use, we of - fer up as you com - mand.

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P: Let us pray... God of abundance:

**C: you have set before us a plentiful harvest. As we feast on your goodness, strengthen us to labor in your field, and equip us to bear fruit for the good of all, in the name of Jesus. Amen.**

### GREAT THANKSGIVING

P: The Lord be with you.

**C: And also with you.**

P: Lift up your hearts.

**C: We lift them to the Lord.**

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

P: It is indeed our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise...*(concluding)*...we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,

heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry, full of your glo-ry. Ho -  
san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high -  
est. Bless-ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -  
san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

### **EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER/WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

Holy, mighty, and merciful Lord, heaven and earth are full of your glory. In great love you sent to us Jesus, your Son, who reached out to heal the sick and suffering, who preached good news to the poor, and who, on the cross, opened his arms to all.

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

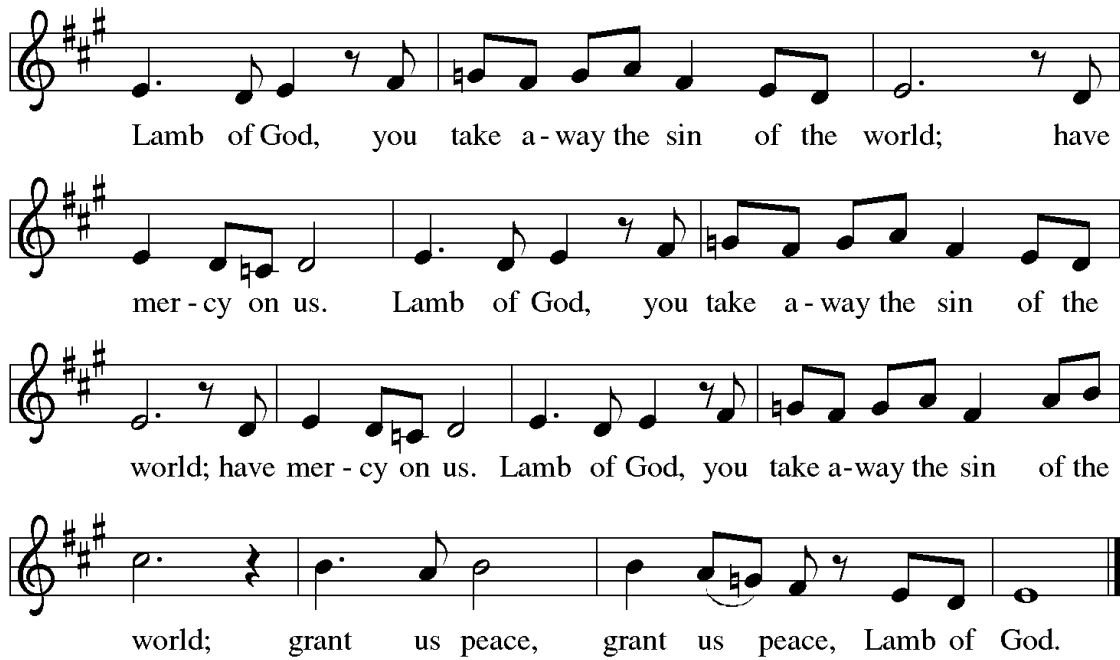
Remembering, therefore, his death, resurrection, and ascension, we await his coming in glory.

Pour out upon us the Spirit of your love, O Lord, and unite the wills of all who share this heavenly food, the body and blood of Jesus Christ, our Lord; to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, now and forever. **Amen.**

## LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name,  
thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those who trespass against us;  
and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom, and the power and the glory,  
forever and ever. Amen.

## HOLY COMMUNION



Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have  
mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the  
world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the  
world; grant us peace, grant us peace, Lamb of God.

P: In Christ's presence there is fullness of joy. Come to the banquet.

*(All who desire to receive Christ's presence in bread and wine are welcome to participate in the Eucharist)*

COMMUNION HYMN “Send Me, Lord”

R809

Leader All

Thu - ma mi - na. Thu - ma mi - na, thu - ma mi - na. Thu - ma  
 Send me, Lord. 1 Send me, Je - sus, send me, Je - sus, send me,  
 (2) Je - sus, lead me, Je - sus, lead me,  
 (3) Je - sus, fill me, Je - sus, fill me,

Repeat ad lib. End

mi - na, So - man - dla.  
 Je - sus, send me, Lord. 2 Lead me,  
 Je - sus, lead me, Lord. 3 Fill me,  
 Je - sus, fill me, Lord.

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*(the assembly stands as they are able)*

P: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

**C: Amen.**

P: Let us pray...Life-giving God,

**C: through this meal you have bandaged our wounds and fed us with your mercy. Now send us forth to live for others, both friend and stranger, that all may come to know your love. This we pray in the name of Jesus. Amen.**

**BLESSING**

The God of peace, Father, † Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you, comfort you, and show you the path of life this day and always.

**C: Amen.**

SENDING HYMN “In Christ Called to Baptize”

R575



1 In Christ called to bap - tize, we wit - ness to grace  
 2 In Christ called to ban - quet, one ta - ble we share,  
 3 In Christ called to wit - ness, by grace we will preach  
 4 U - nite us, a - noint us, O Spir - it of love,



and gath - er a peo - ple from each land and race.  
 a ha - ven of wel - come, a cir - cle of care.  
 the life - giv - ing gos - pel; God's love we will teach.  
 for you are with - in us, a - round us, a - bove.



In deep, flow - ing wa - ters, we share in Christ's death,  
 Al - though we are man - y, we share in one bread.  
 By grace may our liv - ing give proof to our praise  
 E - quip us for ser - vice with gifts you be - stow.



then, ris - ing to new life, give thanks with each breath.  
 One cup of thanks - giv - ing pro - claims Christ, our head.  
 in cost - ly com - pas - sion re - flect - ing Christ's ways.  
 In Christ is our call - ing. In Christ may we grow.

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**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**P:** Go in peace. Love your neighbor.

**C:** Thanks be to God.





## POSTLUDE



## WELCOME TO WORSHIP AT GRACE LUTHERAN A congregation of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

We are glad to have you here worshipping with us. For visitors, we would be glad to tell you more about Grace Lutheran and how we share God's love. Please leave the best way to contact you on the visitor sheets in the Sanctuary Narthex or the Office Lobby or use the bulletin and give it to an usher.

## COFFEE HOUR AFTER SUNDAY WORSHIP

Join us for a time of fellowship with coffee/tea/juice and treats in the Fellowship Hall off the Office Lobby after our Sunday worship.

## IN OUR PRAYERS

Don Barnard, Rich McTaggart, Marlene Jobson, Meredith Smith, Robert Larsen, Joel Fraley, Patti Tucker, Vicki Piontkowski, Elaine Hatch, Scott Lancaster, Gerald Lancaster, Dorothy Hansen, Larry Nelson, Michele Amelotte, Joanne Nicholls, Deb Nitchman's Family, Diane Prevost, Jim Malaski, Emma Nelson, Bishop Craig Satterlee and Synod staff, Maureen Eberhardt, Ryan Guisgand & Nora Grace Guisgand (Budd & Marlene Jobson's grandson and great-granddaughter), Al Smolinski, Carol Liske, Donna Kendziorski, Geraldine Rhoads, Tiffany Bailey, James Marculewicz, Herb Schiller, Jennifer Rottweiler & Family (Nancy Platt's daughter), Ann Haske, Gary Rich, Carl Ball, Joanne Coughlin, Sylvia Rouech, Jimmy Lappan, Donna Hatch, Jordyn, Maggie, Laura Bleau, Sharon Anderson, Becky, Jodi Kennedy Dinnan, Maria Shelton, Emily Cross, Liz, Lucas David, David Delano (David's Dad), Edna Delano, and Joseph Hansen. We also remember the family of Dolores Jarvi, who passed away June 15th.

*Our prayer list is redone each month. If you, or a family member, would like to continue on the prayer list, please call the office (354-2640).*

**Prayer concerns received by the church office by Tuesday each week will be included in the coming weekends bulletin. Please do have the person's permission for inclusion and realize it is published online, so more than our congregation will know about it.**

## **PRAYER PARTNERS**

From the LARCC (Lutheran, Anglican, Roman Catholic and Congregational UCC) parishes of Alpena, this weekend we pray for the LARCC Clergy at St. Paul Lutheran Church. Our Synod Prayer Partner for this week: Leer Lutheran Church/Posen, Supply Pastors.

## **ADULT CHRISTIAN ED - JULY 3**

### **Unplug from News for awhile**

There are times, many times, when the news feels like an assault. There is so much bad and worrisome that it becomes too much. So we need a break. Or more probably a balance between the heavy news and news that shows progress and hope. Join us as we talk about holding onto God's hope and Jesus love in world that seems turned upside down. See you at 11 in the Lounge.

## **ADULT CHRISTIAN ED - JULY 10**

### **Social Welfare**

Our article is about a journalist who changed her mind as result of the pandemic about governmental social programs to assist people in need. Do you think we did and are doing a good job to assist those in need from the pandemic, and now inflation? How do government programs and charity programs work together? What's the role for the church to play in this? Join us at 11 in the Lounge for a discussion on living out our faith and helping others.

## **OUTDOOR WORSHIP - JULY 9 & 10**

We are going to try to worship outdoors in our lot across the street, next to the parking lot on Saturday and Sunday July 9th and 10th at our usual times. Bring a lawn chair and join us.

If we have to change our plans , the announcement will be on the answering machine, our website and Facebook page as well as emailed to everyone that we will in the sanctuary. We have plans to do this one weekend each month during the summer.

## **SUNNY SUMMER SUNDAY PICNIC POTLUCK - JULY 10**

Please join us on July 10th for our outdoor worship service AND a yummy potluck following. Bring a dish to pass and a BIG smile. Hot dogs, buns and fixings will be provided. The potluck will be held in the fellowship hall. Wear your picnic attire! Please sign the sheet in the Office Lobby or call the office if you plan to attend so we know how many hot dogs to purchase.

## **2021 ANNUAL REPORT**

Copies of the 2021 Annual Report are now available to be picked up in the office lobby. An email copy will be sent this week to those on our weekly email list. If you would like one mailed to you, please contact Peggy in the office (989.354.2640).

### **CHILDREN OF GRACE - YOU ARE INVITED!**

Join Tracie Granata as she hosts a children's Random Act of Grace activity on Monday, July 18, from 10-11am. This activity will be for our Loving Care Members. The kids will be making stained glass crosses out of tissue paper to be distributed to these members of Grace. A children's ministry lesson will be shared. Children ages 3-12 are invited to participate. Please RSVP to Tracie at: 989-619-5002 (texting or calling). We look forward to seeing the children of Grace and friends at this event.

### **ALTAR FLOWERS**

If you would like to place flowers on the altar in memory/honor of someone or in celebration of special occasion, please sign the flower chart on the wall in the office lobby and fill out an Altar Flowers form (located on the table as you enter the building) with the information you would like printed in the bulletin and return it to the office.

### **GAYLORD DISASTER RESPONSE**

The North/West Lower Michigan Synod is sending funds to Gaylord to support the recovery and rebuilding in the community. If you would like to make a contribution, you may place it in the offering plate in an envelope marked "Gaylord" or send it to the church office.

### **GAYLORD TORNADO RELIEF EFFORTS**

If you are interested in assisting or donating to residents in Gaylord, after their community was devastated from an EF3 Tornado, please look into these donation options. The Otsego County United Way is looking for donations to be dropped off and used immediately. They are currently looking for; Chapstick, sunblock, cleaning supplies (household cleaners, wipes, paper towels, etc.), garbage bags, phone chargers and laundry detergent. The number one requested items are gift cards, for food or gas, of any denomination.

Donations can be dropped off locally to All Saints Parish Office at 817 Sable St., Grace Lutheran Church at 119 W Dunbar St., St. Paul Lutheran Church at 727 S 2<sup>nd</sup> Ave., or Real Estate One at 215 W Chisholm St.

\*Please NO donations of shoes, clothes or household items yet.

If you would like to volunteer in person, please send an email to Courtney Holmes, at [holmescp@umich.edu](mailto:holmescp@umich.edu), to have your email added to the Tornado Relief volunteer list at the Otsego United Way. When volunteer opportunities are available, you will receive an email and will be able to accept or decline. There will be more opportunities to volunteer as the clean up process progresses.

### **PLEASE HELP US COMPLETE OUR NEW SCHEDULES**

**Please complete the survey that was emailed** to everyone receiving our emails as soon as possible . It is very short and will only take a minute or two. This will help us get the new schedules in place this Fall. Thank you!! **(Paper copies are located in the Office Narthex if you would prefer to complete a written copy. Please return the paper copy to the church office or place in the offering plate.)**

### **LITTLE FOOD PANTRY**

For the next two weeks, our special request for the LFP is:

**peanut butter, jelly and bread**

You may place these and any donations in the Office Lobby.

The LFP is experiencing lots of use, and it is no wonder with food prices.

If you are inclined, these items also go quickly:

canned sausage  
tuna packages  
pasta and sauces  
macaroni and cheese

Thank you for all you give to LFP supporting those who have food insecurities.

### **COVID TEST KITS FOR AT-HOME USE**

The United Way through Joe Gentry has left some at-home COVID test kits. They are available in the office if you would like or need one. There are 2 tests per box and they are to be taken 24 hours apart. Just stop by or give a call to the church office.

### **WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS DUE WEDNESDAY AT 9AM FOR BULLETIN**

We ask that any announcement for the bulletin be to the office in a written form or by email by 9 am Wednesday. The information is sent out in multiple forms - printed bulletins, email blast, Facebook and on our webpage - so that it reaches everyone who participates at church or attends worship in person or online. We offer all these means for everyone to be aware of all that is going on and for the chance to be involved in our work for God's Kingdom. Thank you.

### **SUNDAY WORSHIP LIVESTREAMED AND RECORDED**

Our Sunday worship service is livestreamed, shown on the internet, as it is happening and recorded for viewing online later. People in the sanctuary attending the Sunday service may be seen as part of the livestream and recording.

### **PLEASE RECYCLE BULLETINS**

You can place your bulletin in the recycle bin by the elevator as you leave the sanctuary.

## **FROM OUR SEMINARIAN...**

Hello Grace Lutheran!

I apologize for the delay in updates. It has been a very turbulent semester and beginning of summer. First, I would like to say thank you to everyone who sent me mail and gifts. I loved reading your notes, I promise to write you a personal letter!

Second, an update about school. I am still a part-time student and will continue on this path until I finish my academic requirements before my internship. I am also not doing Clinical Pastoral Education this summer. I have been discerning my call to serve in a hospital or a nursing home, and I would like to grow more in my faith before I take on such an emotionally taxing yet incredibly rewarding experience. I know that as soon as I make plans, God laughs. But I also know that God is guiding me to listen to myself, to take my time and be patient. I have had to change a lot of my own expectations of myself and of school. More than once I've had to take a step back to let God take care of it.

Third, overall. Seminary is incredibly, terribly, wonderful. It has been hard, but I would not trade my first year for the world. I have grown so much as a person spiritually, and surprisingly retained more knowledge than I thought. I look forward to my classes next semester; New Testament 1, Islam, Youth and Young Adult Ministries, and Choir.

Now that I have completed my first year, I have a better idea of how to handle this upcoming school year. Time management was a tough lesson to learn, but I feel much more confident now that I understand the flow of school.

This summer I am traveling to Germany for two weeks with some Trinity Alumni. I was invited on scholarship to come along. We will be visiting the places where Luther preached, taught, lived, and died, as well as visiting the Buchenwald Memorial, and rounding off the trip with the Passion Play in Oberammergau. The Passion Play has been celebrated every ten years since the 1600s. I am so excited for this once in a lifetime experience, and I am so grateful to have been invited. I will be sure to dedicate a letter just to that experience in the upcoming weeks!

Thank you so much for your continued support and prayers. I cannot tell you how much I appreciate you all and how thankful I am that you are all walking with me on this journey.

Blessings,

Val Slaght

**GENERAL FUND GIVING FOR MAY 2022**

Average needed in May (5 weeks) to meet budget	\$ 22,380.00
Monthly Giving - May	13,567.15

We received:

128 envelopes, 65 Simply Giving recurring payments,  
and 5 Give+ payments made from our website

Anniversaries  
of  
Baptism



Birthdays

**July 1**  
Sharon Engstrom  
Kelly Pankey

**July 4**  
Caitlin Wade

**July 5**  
Myles Granata  
Ann O'Connor

**July 6**  
Rachel Chroninger  
Taylor Chroninger

**July 7**  
Grace Kuligowski  
Harper Suszek

**July 8**  
Charity Corwin

**July 14**  
Richard Carlson

**July 15**  
Scott Lancaster

**July 17**  
Michele Amelotte

**July 20**  
Rhonda Anderson  
Christopher Carlson  
Amelia Kamyszek

**July 22**  
Mike Schiller

**July 24**  
Vicki VanEssen

**July 29**  
Kathy Pionkowski  
Oliviah Viegelahn

**July 1**  
Christopher Carlson  
Dale Schultz

**July 2**  
Jonathan Lang

**July 4**  
Riley Gohlke

**July 6**  
Wayne Christopherson  
Jon Crow  
Donald LaBarre

**July 7**  
Elaine Hatch

**July 9**  
Joanne Nicholls

**July 10**  
Stephanie Suszek

**July 12**  
Britni Nowak  
Hadleigh Suszek

**July 15**  
Myra Cross  
Vicki Denstaedt

**July 16**  
Clarence Cross

**July 17**  
Leslie Reynolds

**July 18**  
Scott Kuligowski

**July 21**  
Margaret Clemens  
Dorothy Hansen  
Brian Nelson  
Patti Tucker

**July 22**  
Joel Fraley  
Kay Grove

**July 23**  
Scott Henning

**July 24**  
Christena Christopherson  
Jim Hansen

**July 27**  
Pam Gohlke  
Anthony Thompson

**July 28**  
Paige Timmreck



Wedding  
Anniversaries

6th	Ken & Nancy Amelotte
14th	Jim & Denise Timrick Dennis & Cheryl Werblow
15th	Jeff & Shirley Diamond
19th	Fred & Joanne Kindt
27th	Scott & Judy Black
29th	Greg & Ellie Walker
30th	Ray & Leslie Reynolds



**HAPPENING THIS WEEK!**

**Sunday - 3rd**

**9:30 am      Worship**  
**11:00 am      Adult Ed - Lounge**

**Monday - 4th**

**CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED**  
**8am-2pm      Kitchen Reserved**

**Tuesday - 5th**

**8am-noon      Church Office Open**  
**9:00 am      Sewing/Quilting**

**Wednesday - 6th**

**8am-noon      Church Office Open**

**Thursday - 7th**

**8am-noon      Church Office Open**  
**8am-2pm      Kitchen Reserved**

**Friday - 8th**

**8am-noon      Church Office Open**  
**8am-12pm      Kitchen Reserved**

**Saturday - 9th**

**5:00 pm      Outdoor Worship**

**Large print worship folders &  
hearing assistance devices are  
available from ushers**

**SERVING JULY 2/3**

**Ministers.....God's People**  
**Pastor..... Rev. Tom Orth**  
**Music Director..... Claire Schreiber**  
**Accompanist.....Amy Truth**  
**Lector.....Ruby Haske**  
**Communion**  
**Assistants.....Dale Schultz, Janie Hansen**  
**Ushers..Roger & Jeanne Pankey, Matt, Everett**  
**& Olivia Haske; Steve & Janie Hansen (Saturday)**  
**Greeters..... Joe & Dawn Gentry**  
**Altar Guild..... Chris Christopherson,**  
**Jeanne Pankey**  
**Livestream Team..... Dawn Anderson,**  
**Jan Charter, Don Barnard, Don LaBarre**  
**Counters.....Clarence & Bonnie Cross**  
**Coffee Hour..... Wayne Lewis, Audrey Garant**

**SERVING JULY 9/10**

**Ministers.....God's People**  
**Pastor..... Rev. Tom Orth**  
**Music Director..... Claire Schreiber**  
**Accompanist.....Amy Truth**  
**Lector.....Joe Gentry**  
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**Counters.....Clarence & Bonnie Cross**  
**Coffee Hour..... Ruby Haske & Family**

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